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SUBJECT: ORTHODOX SECTOR SEIZES CONTROL OF CORDOBA 62 ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMARY: GAUNTLET HAS BEEN THROWN DOWN BY ORTHODOX SECTOR OF LABOR MOVEMENT IN CORDOBA. EVENTS THERE COULD UNFOLD IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE WHICH WILL HAVE IMPACT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN PERONIST LEADERSHIP AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. CORDOBA "62 ORGANIZATIONS" (LABOR ARM OF PERONIST MOVEMENT) MET IN PLENARY SESSION DECEMBER 19. MEETING, WHICH WAS NOT ATTENDED BY LEGALIST SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AND PRODUCED RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT CARLOS ELENA OF TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION (UTA), LUIS GONZALEZ OF MINE WORKERS ASSOCIATION (AOMA) AND PEDRO LAZARTE OF SANITARY WORKERS (ALL LEGALIST SUPPORTERS OF LEGALIST SECTOR LEADER VICE-GOVERNOR ATILIO LOPEZ), CLARIFY THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD 62 ORGANIZATIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN MEASURE TO ELIMINATE THESE LEGALIST LEADERS FROM CORDOBA 62 ORGANIZATIONS' BOARD AT NEXT PLENARY SESSION, IT WAS THREATENED.

2. IN ADDITION, SAM MEETING RESULTED IN DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF ORTHODOX SECTOR LEADERS TO SELECT FOUR

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LABOR REPRESENTATIVES ON ADVISORY COUNCIL FORMED BY

PERONIST PARTY INTERVENTOR IN CORDOBA, DR. LUIS LONGHI. OBVIOUS RESULT OF THIS PLOY WILL BE TO STACK INTERVENTOR'S COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF ORTHODOX SECTOR. FURTHERMORE, PLENARY VOTED TO REPLACE RETIRING LEGALIST JUAN YETES OF GASTRONOMIC WORKERS WITH ORTHODOX HECTOR PEREZ OF INSURANCE WORKERS UNION, THUS GUARANTEEING ORTHODOX SECTOR ABSOLUTE MAJORITY ON THE BOARD OF CORDOBA 62 ORGANIZATIONS.

3. LEGALIST SECTOR HAS CHALLENGED RESULTS OF PLENARY IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT STATING THAT LEGALIST SECTOR LEADERS WERE NEVER INVITED TO MEETING.

COMMENT. REGARDLESS POSSIBLE MERITS OF LEGALIST ASSERTION, CHALLENGE IS NOT LIKELY TO PROSPER. NATIONAL 62 ORGANIZATIONS LEADERSHIP IS SOLIDLY BEHIND ORTHODOX SECTOR IN CORDOBA, AND INTERVENTOR LONGHI, WHO HIMSELF WAS PRESENT AT DISPUTED PLENARY, WAS NAMED BY SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF PERONIST PARTY, WHICH, OF COURSE, BACKS NATIONAL LABOR LEADERSHIP.

THIS POLITICAL POWER PLAY HAS PLACED CORDOBA GOVERNOR RICARDO OBREGON CANO, AND VICE-GOVERNOR LOPEZ, IN EXTREMELY DELICATE POSITION. TENSIONS IN PROVINCIAL LABOR MOVEMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ESCALATE. BY SEIZING CONTROL OF INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE, ORTHODOX SECTOR IS OBLIGING LEGALISTISTS TO PURSUE OTHER AVENUES TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES, AND THIS WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN INCREASED LEVEL OF VIOLENCE. AN IMPORTANT CORDOBA ORTHODOX SECTOR LEADER TOLD EMBOFF THAT HOPE WAS SITUATION WOULD ARISE WHICH WOULD PERMIT INTERVENTION OF CORDOBA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

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